

*Florida Genealogical Society*  
**NEWSLETTER**  
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**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual FGS Fall Genealogy Seminar**  
**September 16, 2006**

Members should register NOW for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fall Genealogy Seminar, to be held September 16, 2006 on the Dale Mabry Campus of Hillsborough Community College. You definitely won't want to miss our guest speaker, nationally known expert Hank Jones! Mr. Jones topics will be:

- When Sources Are Wrong!
- Tracing the Origins of Early 18<sup>th</sup> Century Palatine Emigrants
- Family Tradition: How to Separate Fact from Fiction in Genealogical Research
- Genealogy in the New Millennium: Where We've Been and Where We're Going

Fees for members are \$30.00 and non-members are \$35.00. Box lunches consisting of a sandwich, chips, cookie, fruit and a beverage will be available for purchase for \$6.50 at HCC on the day of the conference. Quantities to be available will be based on the number of registrations received by September 8, 2006, so be sure to register as soon as possible! Late registrants and walk-ins cannot be guaranteed lunch box availability!

A Registration Form is included with this Newsletter, and we hope to have a very large member turnout to enjoy the day! Please read the letter from our Publicity Director, George G. Morgan, included in this Newsletter for find out how you can help with this important event. We hope to see you there!

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***FGS CALENDAR OF EVENTS***

***Saturday, August 19, 2006:*** The Florida Genealogical Society will host the regular monthly meeting at the John F. Germany Library in downtown Tampa at the new regular time of 10:00 a.m. in the Auditorium. Guest speaker will be Donna Gilbert, discussing her recent research trip to Italy. Donna will entertain us with her preparations, arrangements for an interpreter, her experiences in her small ancestral town, and the unique documents she found there. After our speaker, there will be a break for lunch or research, then for those interested, at 1:00 p.m. the Southeaster Genealogy Interest Group will meet in the Ceta Armitage Room on the second floor.

*Saturday, September 16, 2006.* The regular meeting will not be held in September. The FGS 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fall Seminar will take place at the Dale Mabry Campus. Please see the attached Registration Form for details.

Look for upcoming details about the October and November meetings very soon!

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Some of our members have advised us that they have not received their Newsletters this year! The Florida Genealogical Society, Inc., publishes a Newsletter in February, April, June, August, and December. The Newsletter is posted on the FGS website (<http://www.rootsweb.com/~flfgs>), and hard copies are mailed to all those who cannot access the website! We apologize if you have not received your copy at any time, and would like you to know that you may pick up back copies at the monthly meetings at the John F. Germany Library!

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**A LETTER FROM THE FGS PUBLICITY DIRECTOR,  
George G. Morgan**

Dear Members of the Florida Genealogical Society,

On September 19, 2006, FGS will be hosting its Second Annual Fall Seminar, again at the Dale Mabry campus of Hillsborough Community College. We are very excited that nationally recognized genealogy expert, author, and actor/singer Henry Z. "Hank" Jones will be our featured speaker. You will find full details, a registration form, and a map to the HCC campus at our Web site: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~flfgs/>. If you have not registered yet, I urge you to do so. We have sent invitations to genealogical societies as far away as Citrus County to the north, Lee County to the south, Polk County and Orlando to the east, and to heritage and lineage societies in the area. We've already had feedback from these organizations and are expecting a very large turnout. We certainly don't want you to miss the excitement!

I am writing to you today to ask for any donations of new genealogy books, software, and supplies that you can make that can be used as door prizes. I have contacted a large number of companies for freebie items and products, and I have already received books and two software titles, with more promised to arrive before the seminar. However, YOU can help make the seminar more exciting for our members and our guests by contributing materials as door prizes. If you can donate something for our seminar, please send me an e-mail at [rabidgenealogist@hotmail.com](mailto:rabidgenealogist@hotmail.com) to tell me what you will donate. I can add that to our list and your name will be published in the seminar program. You simply have to bring the item(s) to the seminar on 16 September.

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At the July FGS Meeting, students from the USF course “Introduction to Genealogical Research” spoke individually about their research experiences and problems. FGS members shared their insight and expertise with teacher Drew Smith’s students, and many ideas were exchanged. We hope to see more of these aspiring genealogists at our meetings in the future!